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CHECK ON ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS IN FOREST AREA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of illegal construction in river valley and forest area are on the rise in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any legal action has been initiated to check these activities;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government under Environment and Forest Laws to curb such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a)& (b) No such reports have come to the notice of the Ministry. However, sporadic incidents of illegal activities including encroachments in the forest area do take place. The details of forest areas under encroachment are given in annexure.

(c) to (e) Existing policy and legal measures such as National Forest Policy 1988, National Environment Policy 2006, Indian Forest Act 1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, Environment (Protection) Act 1986 etc. contain the provisions for check on such illegal activities.